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LB 86

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we will take your amendment first and then the committee amendments. All in favor...Senator Murphy. The motion is the Landis amendment to the committee amendments to LB 86. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Landis' amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. Now we move the committee amendments as amended. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. This is to bill LB 86. We are voting on the committee amendments as amended. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments as amended are adopted. Now, Senator Murphy, we are speaking to the advancement of the bill as amended.

SENATOR MURPHY: Very briefly, ladies and gentlemen, what we have done is supply a definition that should have been in the law initially. Several years ago the law was adopted, 34-712, providing, as Senator Landis has mentioned, the public's right to have access to public records. It also provided penalties but there was an oversight at the time in that the committee and the Legislature did not define what a public record is. This bill in substance says that a public record is any record of any public body that has been a public record shall remain a public record, and again as Senator Landis says, we have delineated, we have enumerated certain exceptions in order not to make the law unduly cumbersome. That is the sum and substance of it. It is a definition of what a public record is in order that that existing law be properly interpreted. I move the advancement of the bill as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 86 to E & R for review. Senator Landis, do you want to make...how many minutes do we have left? Three minutes left on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will be even shorter than that. I do want to put the body on notice that on Select File I will offer an amendment to more narrowly describe one of the exceptions in the bill on investigatory records but I have agreed with Senator Murphy not to offer it at this time so that we can expedite this meritorious bill. Thank you.